Cultivation of sugar-cane in Chittur.

104. Mr. A. Eachara Menon --Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they had supplied manure, etc., free to a cultivator of sugar-cane in the Chittur Taluk;

(2) if so, will the Government be pleased to place the report of the cultivation on the Table ;

(3) under whose supervision was the cultivation carried on;

(4) whether they are pursuing the policy further ; if not, why not ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Please see the cultivation sheet placed on the Council table.

(3) Under the supervision of the Chemistry Assistant.

(4) Free supply of manure to all ryots alike has been stopped since then. Such supplies are now made only in cases where the ryots selected have been found to be too poor to procure the required quantity of manure at their own cost.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon —When did they begin to supply free manure to the ryots?

Mr. I. Raman Menon —In the last two years.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—When was it stopped?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It was stopped this year.

Supply of fresh water to the people of Chellanam, etc.

105. Mr. K. J. Antony.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Government have done anything so far to investigate the feasibility of supplying fresh water to the peoples of Chellanam, Andikadavu, Cheriakadavu and Manancheri as per the resolution passed in the Legislative Council;

(2) have not the Government undertaken in the open Council to conduct investigations so as to see by what means fresh water can be supplied to the above places ;

(3) if the Government have not done anything so far towards the above investigation, will the Government be pleased to state why they fell short of the solemn undertaking that was made in the open Council Chamber ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The matter is under investigation.

(2) Yes.

(3) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to part (1).

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether any investigation is being conducted now?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Information regarding the census of these areas is being collected.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—By whom?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—By the Diwan Peishkar.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Has he got any orders from the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether the Member for P. W. D. has given any orders for investigation to his subordinates, verbal or written?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Unless information regarding the census is received, we cannot do anything in the matter at present.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know whether any provision has been made in the Preliminary Budget for this investigation?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Investigation does not cost any money.

Vettikadavu—Pazhanji Road.

106. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the construction of the road from Vettikadavu to Pazhanji sanctioned by the Diwan will be undertaken and completed by the end of next year;

(b) whether this work has been entrusted to the Panchayat Department or the Public Works Department;

(c) whether the Government had not received representations and resolutions passed at public meetings that the construction of this road should be entrusted to the P. W. D., and if so;

(d) whether this request has been granted; and if not,

(e) what is the reason for not granting it?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) To the Panchayat Department.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The Panchayat Department is considered competent enough to execute the work satisfactorily.

Ollur Panchayat.

107. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) the number of meetings held by the Ollur Panchayat after the last election and (2) the number of meetings attended by each member?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Nine.

(2) The number of meetings attended by the 7 members of the Panchayat is shown below:—

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